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SUBJECT: TOKYO MEDIA REACTION - NUCLEAR ARMS REDUCTION AND SOMALIA

¶1. LEAD STORIES: Most Tuesday morning papers gave top play to the WHO's emergency meeting on Monday on swine influenza.

¶2. "Japan Should Lead Nuclear Disarmament Efforts" The liberal Mainichi wrote in an editorial (4/28): "Foreign Minister Nakasone expressed Japan's readiness to host an international conference on the reduction and non-proliferation of nuclear weapons... It is significant for Japan, the only country ever to have been struck with nuclear weapons, to play a leading role in this field. The move should give momentum to a worldwide trend of nuclear disarmament, which was created by the Obama administration."

¶3. "Nakasone Should Send His Nuclear Disarmament Message to the World" The business-oriented Nikkei argued in an editorial (4/28): "Foreign Minister Nakasone made a speech titled 'Conditions to Zero - 11 Benchmarks for Worldwide Nuclear Disarmament.' This is a comprehensive proposal to respond to President Obama's statement in Prague. The proposal is especially significant, as it cited specific issues and called on China to reduce its nuclear arms. Nakasone should send his message to the world."

¶4. "Efforts Should Be Also Made for Reconstruction of Failed Nation" The liberal Asahi editorialized (4/28): "How can we eliminate rampant piracy in waters off Somalia? Although Japan and other nations have sent their warships to the region to protect commercial vessels, their efforts are not sufficient. We need to calm the unrest in Somalia and establish a decent government in the nation to eliminate the piracy there. The international community has begun to pay attention to this effort."

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